
SENATE BILL No. 382

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 22-11-14.

Synopsis: Fireworks ordinances and resolutions. Allows a local governmental unit to prohibit or limit the sale, possession, or use of fireworks. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 22-11-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2006,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter and IC 22-11-14.5:
4 "Auto burglar alarm" means a tube that contains pyrotechnic
5 composition that produces a loud whistle or smoke when ignited. A
6 small quantity of explosive, not exceeding fifty (50) milligrams, may
7 also be used to produce a small report. A squib is used to ignite the
8 device.
9 "Booby trap" means a small tube with string protruding from both
10 ends, similar to a party popper in design. The ends of the string are
11 pulled to ignite the friction sensitive composition, producing a small
12 report.
13 "Chaser" means a device, containing fifty (50) milligrams or less of
14 explosive composition, that consists of a small paper or cardboard tube
15 that travels along the ground upon ignition. A whistling effect is often
16 produced, and a small noise may be produced.
17 "Cigarette load" means a small wooden peg that has been coated

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with a small quantity of explosive composition. Upon ignition of a cigarette containing one (1) of the pegs, a small report is produced.

"Consumer firework" means a small firework that is designed primarily to produce visible effects by combustion, and that is required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR 1507. The term also includes some small devices designed to produce an audible effect, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing fifty (50) milligrams or less of explosive composition, and aerial devices containing one hundred thirty (130) milligrams or less of explosive composition. Propelling or expelling charges consisting of a mixture of charcoal, sulfur, and potassium nitrate are not considered as designed to produce an audible effect. Consumer fireworks:

(1) include:

(A) aerial devices, which include sky rockets, missile type rockets, helicopter or aerial spinners, roman candles, mines, and shells;

(B) ground audible devices, which include firecrackers, salutes, and chasers; and

(C) firework devices containing combinations of the effects described in clauses (A) and (B); and

(2) do not include the items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter.

"Cone fountain" means a cardboard or heavy paper cone which contains up to fifty (50) grams of pyrotechnic composition, and which produces the same effect as a cylindrical fountain.

"Cylindrical fountain" means a cylindrical tube not exceeding three-quarters (3/4) inch in inside diameter and containing up to seventy-five (75) grams of pyrotechnic composition. Fountains produce a shower of color and sparks upon ignition, and sometimes a whistling effect. Cylindrical fountains may contain a spike to be inserted in the ground (spike fountain), a wooden or plastic base to be placed on the ground (base fountain), or a wooden handle or cardboard handle for items designed to be hand held (handle fountain).

"Dipped stick" or "wire sparkler" means a stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition does not exceed one hundred (100) grams per item. Those devices containing chlorate or perchlorate salts do not exceed five (5) grams in total composition per item. Wire sparklers that contain no magnesium and that contain less than one hundred (100) grams of composition per item are not included in the

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category of consumer fireworks.

"Distributor" means a person who sells fireworks to wholesalers and retailers for resale.

"Explosive composition" means a chemical or mixture of chemicals that produces an audible effect by deflagration or detonation when ignited.

"Firecracker" or "salute" is a device that consists of a small paper wrapped or cardboard tube containing not more than fifty (50) milligrams of pyrotechnic composition and that produces, upon ignition, noise, accompanied by a flash of light.

"Firework" means any composition or device designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, items referenced in section 8(a) of this chapter, and special fireworks. The following items are excluded from the definition of fireworks:

- (1) Model rockets.
- (2) Toy pistol caps.
- (3) Emergency signal flares.
- (4) Matches.
- (5) Fixed ammunition for firearms.
- (6) Ammunition components intended for use in firearms, muzzle loading cannons, or small arms.
- (7) Shells, cartridges, and primers for use in firearms, muzzle loading cannons, or small arms.
- (8) Indoor pyrotechnics special effects material.
- (9) M-80s, cherry bombs, silver salutes, and any device banned by the federal government.

"Flitter sparkler" means a narrow paper tube filled with pyrotechnic composition that produces color and sparks upon ignition. These devices do not use a fuse for ignition, but rather are ignited by igniting the paper at one (1) end of the tube.

"Ground spinner" means a small spinning device that is similar to wheels in design and effect when placed on the ground and ignited, and that produces a shower of sparks and color when spinning.

"Helicopter" or "aerial spinner" is a spinning device:

- (1) that consists of a tube up to one-half (1/2) inch in inside diameter and that contains up to twenty (20) grams of pyrotechnic composition;
- (2) to which some type of propeller or blade device is attached; and
- (3) that lifts into the air upon ignition, producing a visible or audible effect at the height of flight.

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"Illuminating torch" means a cylindrical tube that:

- (1) contains up to one hundred (100) grams of pyrotechnic composition;
- (2) produces, upon ignition, a colored fire; and
- (3) is either a spike, base, or handle type device.

"Importer" means:

- (1) a person who imports fireworks from a foreign country; or
- (2) a person who brings or causes fireworks to be brought within this state for subsequent sale.

"Indoor pyrotechnics special effects material" means a chemical material that is clearly labeled by the manufacturer as suitable for indoor use (as provided in National Fire Protection Association Standard 1126 (2001 edition)).

"Interstate wholesaler" means a person who is engaged in interstate commerce selling fireworks.

"Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the manufacture of fireworks.

"Mine" or "shell" means a device that:

- (1) consists of a heavy cardboard or paper tube up to two and one-half (2 1/2) inches in inside diameter, to which a wooden or plastic base is attached;
- (2) contains up to forty (40) grams of pyrotechnic composition; and
- (3) propels, upon ignition, stars (pellets of pressed pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright color), whistles, parachutes, or combinations thereof, with the tube remaining on the ground.

"Missile-type rocket" means a device that is similar to a sky rocket in size, composition, and effect, and that uses fins rather than a stick for guidance and stability.

"Municipality" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-11.

"Party popper" means a small plastic or paper item containing not more than sixteen (16) milligrams of explosive composition that is friction sensitive. A string protruding from the device is pulled to ignite it, expelling paper streamers and producing a small report.

"Person" means an individual, an association, an organization, a limited liability company, or a corporation.

"Pyrotechnic composition" means a mixture of chemicals that produces a visible or audible effect by combustion rather than deflagration or detonation. Pyrotechnic compositions will not explode upon ignition unless severely confined.

"Responding fire department" means the paid fire department or volunteer fire department that renders fire protection services to a

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1 political subdivision.

2 "Retail sales stand" means a temporary business site or location
3 where goods are to be sold.

4 "Retailer" means a person who purchases fireworks for resale to
5 consumers.

6 "Roman candle" means a device that consists of a heavy paper or
7 cardboard tube not exceeding three-eighths (3/8) inch in inside
8 diameter and that contains up to twenty (20) grams of pyrotechnic
9 composition. Upon ignition, up to ten (10) stars (pellets of pressed
10 pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright color) are individually
11 expelled at several second intervals.

12 "Sky rocket" means a device that:

- 13 (1) consists of a tube that contains pyrotechnic composition;
- 14 (2) contains a stick for guidance and stability; and
- 15 (3) rises into the air upon ignition, producing a burst of color or
16 noise at the height of flight.

17 "Smoke device" means a tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic
18 composition that produces white or colored smoke upon ignition as the
19 primary effect.

20 "Snake" or "glow worm" means a pressed pellet of pyrotechnic
21 composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning. The
22 ash expands in length as the pellet burns. These devices do not contain
23 mercuric thiocyanate.

24 "Snapper" means a small, paper wrapped item containing a minute
25 quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand. When
26 dropped, the device explodes, producing a small report.

27 "Special discharge location" means a location designated for the
28 discharge of consumer fireworks by individuals in accordance with
29 rules adopted under section 3.5 of this chapter.

30 "Special fireworks" means fireworks designed primarily to produce
31 visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation,
32 including firecrackers containing more than one hundred thirty (130)
33 milligrams of explosive composition, aerial shells containing more than
34 forty (40) grams of pyrotechnic composition, and other exhibition
35 display items that exceed the limits for classification as consumer
36 fireworks.

37 "Trick match" means a kitchen or book match that has been coated
38 with a small quantity of explosive or pyrotechnic composition. Upon
39 ignition of the match, a small report or a shower of sparks is produced.

40 "Trick noisemaker" means an item that produces a small report
41 intended to surprise the user.

42 "Wheel" means a pyrotechnic device that:

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- (1) is attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string;
- (2) contains up to six (6) driver units (tubes not exceeding one-half (1/2) inch in inside diameter) containing up to sixty (60) grams of composition per driver unit; and
- (3) revolves, upon ignition, producing a shower of color and sparks and sometimes a whistling effect.

"Wholesaler" means a person who purchases fireworks for resale to retailers.

SECTION 2. IC 22-11-14-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.187-2006, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) **Subject to section 9.5 of this chapter,** nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

(1) any resident wholesaler, manufacturer, importer, or distributor from selling:

- (A) at wholesale fireworks not prohibited by this chapter; or
- (B) consumer fireworks if they are to be used:
 - (i) on the property of the purchaser;
 - (ii) on the property of another who has given permission to use the consumer fireworks; or
 - (iii) at a special discharge location as set forth in section 3.5 of this chapter;

(2) the use of fireworks by railroads or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination;

(3) the sale or use of blank cartridges for:

- (A) a show or theater;
- (B) signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports; or
- (C) use by military organizations;

(4) the intrastate sale of fireworks not approved for sale in Indiana between interstate wholesalers;

(5) the possession, sale, or disposal of fireworks, incidental to the public display of Class B fireworks, by wholesalers or other persons who possess a permit to possess, store, and sell Class B explosives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of the United States Department of Justice; or

(6) the use of indoor pyrotechnics special effects material before an indoor or outdoor proximate audience.

(b) For the purposes of this section, a resident wholesaler, importer, or distributor, is a person who:

- (1) is a resident of Indiana;
- (2) possesses for storage or resale fireworks approved or not approved for sale in Indiana;
- (3) is engaged in the interstate sale of fireworks described in

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subdivision (2) as an essential part of a business that is located in a permanent structure and is open at least six (6) months each year; and

(4) has possession of a certificate of compliance issued by the state fire marshal under section 5 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 22-11-14-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 9.5. Notwithstanding section 4(a) of this chapter, this chapter does not prohibit a:**

(1) county or municipality from adopting an ordinance; or

(2) township from adopting a resolution;

that is more restrictive than a rule adopted by the fire prevention and building safety commission under this chapter. An ordinance or a resolution adopted under this section may prohibit or limit the sale, possession, or use of fireworks in the county, municipality, or township.

SECTION 4. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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